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1. Cyprus

a. The UN Security Council is still grappling with the problem.

b. It will discuss today a new resolution by the nonpermanent council members, designed to put a UN-sanctioned force on the island and to begin mediation efforts.

c. Papandreou goes along with the new resolution but Makarios has not yet committed himself. [REDACTED],

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d. On the island things are not getting any better, though the fighting that broke out on Saturday in the suburbs of Nicosia and near Larnaca has been contained.

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[REDACTED] the Greek Cypriot press is still on its be nasty to the British drive.

i. In Athens, Premier Papandreou is beginning to put the pressure on us. He says it is common belief in Greece that the US supported the dispatch of a peace force to the island in order to backup Turkish population movements which would result in de facto partition.

j. He wants the US to make a statement saying it does not consider partition an appropriate solution.

k. The Greek press reached a new height of sensationalism on Saturday. In banner headlines, papers of all political parties reported the warning given by Papandreou to the US and UK that, while war between Greece and Turkey would be "insanity," the Greeks will accompany the Turks to the "insane asylum" if necessary.

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m. From Paris comes word from a senior Quai official that any enthusiasm which may have existed for a French role in the Cyprus question is rapidly disappearing. Paris has not yet given its agreement to the Cypriot request for an ambassador in Paris.

2. Syria


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the UAR is actively plotting a military coup against the Baathist regime.

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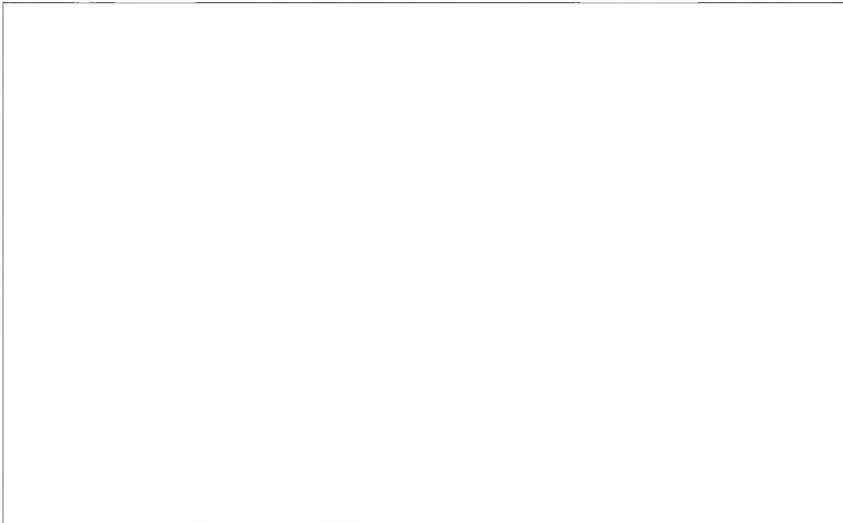
f. Reports of prospective coups in Syria are a dime a dozen, and so far the regime has foiled attempts by pro-Nasirists.



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3. Cambodia

a. Representatives of Cambodian minister of defense, General Lon Nol, who are currently in Vientiane, are said to be seeking the support of Prince Boun Oum for a coup against Sihanouk.



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e. The Cambodian defense minister is the most influential anti-Communist in the country.

4. East - West
Germany

a. Mayor Brandt is again pushing hard for his policy of closer contacts with the East.

b. In a partisan radio-TV address on Friday he called for responsible German political elements to try to reach agreement on a basic policy to guide contacts with East Germany, as for example, in the Berlin pass talks.

c. Erhard has asked Brandt to meet with him this week to discuss the question of how to deal with East Germany.

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5. Ethiopia-
Somalia

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[REDACTED] our embassy in Mogadiscio is worried that the arrival of US mobile training teams in Ethiopia before the 30 March elections in Somalia will assure an easy victory for extremist political elements there.

e. It argues that such action will be construed as confirmation [REDACTED] that US forces are assisting Ethiopia in its campaign against Somalia.

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NOTES

- A. Italy-USSR First Deputy Premier Kosygin will be visiting Italy this month to inaugurate a Soviet industrial show at Geneva. [REDACTED]

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- B. Venezuela Raul Leoni, successor to Betancourt, who will be inaugurated in March, is off to a bad start. The Christian Democratic Party has refused to continue its present coalition status thus leaving Leoni's party in a position where it cannot count on a firm majority in Congress.

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